BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy (Amendment)

201 KAR 46:050. Provisional training license for medical imaging technologists, radiographers, nuclear medicine technologists, and radiation therapists.

RELATES TO: KRS 311B.050, 311B.100(2), 311B.120, 311B.180, 311B.190 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 311B.010, 311B.050, 311B.100(2)

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 311B.050 requires the Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy to promulgate administrative regulations to administer and enforce KRS Chapter 311B and to regulate the licensure of medical imaging technologists, advanced imaging professionals, and radiation therapists other than a licensed practitioner of the healing arts. KRS 311B.100(2) requires the board to establish licensure qualifications. This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the provisional licensure of nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in computed tomography (CT) and radiographers or radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in positron emission tomography (PET) to gain clinical competency.

Section 1. Eligibility for Provisional CT Training License. An individual who is licensed in a primary discipline of nuclear medicine or radiation therapy, certified by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) or the Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB), and who is seeking post-primary computed tomography certification may work under the direct supervision of a licensed and certified CT technologist to gain clinical competency. An individual who wishes to complete clinical training in computed tomography shall submit a Provisional License Application. A provisional license shall expire twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance.

Section 2. Eligibility for Provisional PET Training License. An individual who is licensed in a primary discipline of radiography or radiation therapy, certified by the ARRT, and who is seeking post-primary PET certification may work under the direct supervision of a licensed and certified PET technologist with the permission of an authorized user to gain clinical competency. An individual who wishes to complete clinical training in PET shall submit a Provisional License Application. A provisional license shall expire twenty-four (24) months from the date of issuance.

Section 3. Application for Provisional Training License. A licensee shall submit a:

- (1) Completed and signed KBMIRT Form 7 Provisional License Application; and
- (2) Nonrefundable provisional training license fee as mandated in 201 KAR 46:020, Section 4.

Section 4. Upon completion of post-primary ARRT <u>or NMTCB</u> computed tomography or NMTCB (PET) certification, a provisional licensee shall submit documentation of registry or certification and shall receive an updated license.

Section 5. If a provisional training licensee has not submitted documentation of appropriate registry or certification prior to expiration of the provisional license, the licensee shall reapply for a new provisional license pursuant to the process established in this administrative regula-

tion and pay the nonrefundable provisional training license fee mandated in 201 KAR 46:020, Section 4. A provisional license may be renewed once.

Section 6. Incorporation by Reference. (1) "Provisional License Application", KBMIRT Form 7, March 2020[April 2015], is incorporated by reference.

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AMY ATKINS, Chair

APPROVED BY AGENCY: May 13, 2020 FILED WITH LRC: May 15, 2020 at 8 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall be held at 10:00 AM on July 22, 2020 at 125 Holmes St, Suite 320, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. Individuals interested in being heard at this hearing shall notify this agency in writing by five workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who wishes to be heard will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on the proposed administrative regulation. Written comments shall be accepted through 11:59 PM on July 31, 2020. Send written notification of intent to be heard at the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person below.

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REGULATORY IMPACT ANALYSIS AND TIERING STATEMENT

Contact Person: Elizabeth Morgan

- (1) Provide a brief summary of:
- (a) What this administrative regulation does: This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the provisional licensure of nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in computed tomography (CT) and radiographers or radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in positron emission tomography (PET) to gain clinical competency.
- (b) The necessity of this administrative regulation: The Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy is authorized by KRS 311B.010 to 311B.190 to regulate licensees other than licensed practitioners of the healing arts, including but not limited to: the classification and licensure of medical imaging technologists, radiation therapists, radiologist assistants and limited x-ray machine operators; examinations; standards of education and experience; curricula standards for institutions teaching persons to perform medical imaging and radiation therapy procedures; issuance, renewal, and revocation of licenses; the establishment of a reasonable schedule of fees and charges to be paid by individuals for examinations, licenses and renewal licenses; and to set other standards as may be appropriate for the protection of health and safety. This administrative regulation establishes procedures for the provisional licensure of nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certifica-

tion in computed tomography (CT) and radiographers or radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in positron emission tomography (PET) to gain clinical competency.

- (c) How this administrative regulation conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The regulation is in conformity as the authorizing statute gives the board the ability to promulgate regulations regarding the requirements for licensure.
- (d) How this administrative regulation currently assists or will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This regulation establishes procedures for the provisional licensure of nuclear medicine technologists and radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in computed tomography (CT) and radiographers or radiation therapists who are seeking post-primary certification in positron emission tomography (PET) to gain clinical competency.
- (2) If this is an amendment to an existing administrative regulation, provide a brief summary of:
- (a) How the amendment will change this existing administrative regulation: The amendment provides for another pathway for licensing an individual for computed tomography; update to include CT certification examination by NMTCB.
- (b) The necessity of the amendment to this administrative regulation: This amendment is necessary will allow the board to accept the NMTCB's CT certification exam which will allow more individuals to become licensed in Kentucky.
- (c) How the amendment conforms to the content of the authorizing statutes: The regulation is in conformity as the authorizing statute gives the board the authority to establish qualifications for licensing medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals through the promulgation of administrative regulations.
- (d) How the amendment will assist in the effective administration of the statutes: This amendment will ensure qualifications of medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals is relevant to updated certification exams.
- (3) List the type and number of individuals, businesses, organizations, or state and local governments affected by this administrative regulation: Approximately 300 state health care organizations and approximately 7,500 licensees.
- (4) Provide an analysis of how the entities identified in the previous question will be impacted by either the implementation of this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change, if it is an amendment, including:
- (a) List the actions each of the regulated entities have to take to comply with this regulation or amendment: No action is required. This amendment will allow additional means for an individual to become qualified to practice as a computed tomography technologist.
- (b) In complying with this administrative regulation or amendment, how much will it cost each of the entities: There will be no cost.
- (c) As a result of compliance, what benefits will accrue to the entities: This amendment will allow additional means for an individual to become qualified to practice as a computed tomography technologist.
- (5) Provide an estimate of how much it will cost the administrative body to implement this administrative regulation:
 - (a) Initially: No new costs will be incurred by the changes.
 - (b) On a continuing basis: No new costs will be incurred by the changes.
- (6) What is the source of the funding to be used for the implementation and enforcement of this administrative regulation: The board's operations are funded by fees paid by licensees and applicants.
- (7) Provide an assessment of whether an increase in fees or funding will be necessary to implement this administrative regulation, if new, or by the change if it is an amendment: This amendment will not require an increase in fees or funding to implement.

- (8) State whether or not this administrative regulation established any fees or directly or indirectly increased any fees: This amendment does not establish or increase any fees.
- (9) TIERING: Is tiering applied? Explain why or why not. Tiering is not applied because the regulation applies similarly to similarly situated licensees and applicants.

FISCAL NOTE ON STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

- (1) What units, parts or divisions of state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) will be impacted by this administrative regulation? The Kentucky Board of Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy will be affected.
- (2) Identify each state or federal statute or federal regulation that requires or authorizes the action taken by the administrative regulation. KRS 311B.050
- (3) Estimate the effect of this administrative regulation on the expenditures and revenues of a state or local government agency (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first full year the administrative regulation is to be in effect. If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.
- (a) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for the first year? This administrative regulation will not generate revenue for the state or local government.
- (b) How much revenue will this administrative regulation generate for the state or local government (including cities, counties, fire departments, or school districts) for subsequent years? This administrative regulation will not generate revenue for the state or local government.
- (c) How much will it cost to administer this program for the first year? There is no additional cost to administer the proposed amendment.
- (d) How much will it cost to administer this program for subsequent years? There is no additional cost to administer the proposed amendment.

Note: If specific dollar estimates cannot be determined, provide a brief narrative to explain the fiscal impact of the administrative regulation.

Revenues (+/-): Neutral Expenditures (+/-): Neutral Other Explanation: None